P.W.D., AND ELEC-TRICITY

and several branches of the canal was maintained. A record extent of nearly 75,000 acres was planted with paddy in the area during the year.

600. The special establishment for the shifting of the villages as an anti-malaria measure, in the Visvesvaraya Canal area was sanctioned during the year. A grant of Rs. 10 lakhs was sanctioned for the year for Anti-Malaria, Engineering works. Many of the works as per approved programme of Rs. 8 lakhs and Rs. 15 lakhs for creating dry belts, depletion of tanks, shifting of villages, etc., were completed.

601. A separate P.W. Division, exclusively to attend to the improvement of Inter-Village Communication in the aggregate area under the Visvesvaraya Canal was sanctioned for a pariod of 3 years with 3 Sub-Divisions.

602. About 630 miles of roads were either opened or improved in the Visvesvaraya canal area to facilitate quick and easy transportation of the agricultural produce.

Architect's Section.

603. Requisitions for designs for construction of several buildings in the State, during the year, continued to be numerous. Type designs for residential buildings, for working classes officials and middle class were recast and fresh designs were prepared. Many improvements were effected in designs for hospitals, in consultation with the Senior Surgeon. Numerous special designs as required by the Executive Engineers, Heads of Departments and other Government Institutions continued to be prepared.

Well Boring Section.

604. The well boring section formerly attached to the Ex-sanitary bureau was transferred to the charge of the Controller of Cental Stores on 1st August 1950. Bore wells were put up in various parts of the State during the year.

Mysore Traffic Board.

Amendment to Act and Rules.

605. Schedule XI-C of the Mysore Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, 1944, was amended making provision for the licensing and taxation of auto-rickshaws with effect from 1st April 1950. Maximum fares were fixed for auto-rickshaws plying within the limits of the Bangalore Corporation.

606. Rule 380 of the Mysore Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Rules was amended omitting the word "Royal" from the words "Royal Mail" used in respect of stage carriages carrying mails.

607. Rule 132 (b) of the Mysore Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Rules was amended revising the age limit of public service and goods vehicles.

608. Petrol Rationing was abolished in the State from 1st September 1950.

609. With the extension of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 to Mysore with effect from 1st April 1951 under the Part-B States Laws Act, 1951, it was considered necessary to make separate provision for the levy of taxes on motor vehicles and tolls in Mysore. It was also felt that the rates of tax on goods vehicles, stage carriages and taxi cabs were low when compared to the rates obtaining in Madras and that there was need to enhance them slightly. Accordingly the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation and Tolls Bill based on Chapter VIII of the Mysore Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, 1944, and the relevant schedules with slight enhancement in the rates of taxes was introduced in the Legislative Assembly in March 1951 and was passed into law with effect from 1st April 1951.

610. Consequent on the amalgamation of the Bangalore Rural and Urban Districts, only one District Traffic Advisory Committee was reconstituted for Bangalore District in place of the two. General.

611. Bus permits were continued to be issued liberally on interior roads and the number of permits sanctioned during the year was 222.

(iv) The Road Transport Department.

612. The total mileage performed daily by all the vehicles including diesel buses was 13,388. The average quantity of petrol consumed daily was 1,037 gallons and the distance covered by petrol buses was 11,282 miles per day on an average. The performance of petrol buses was 10·88 miles per gallon.

613. The capital invested up to the end of March 1951 was Rs. 25,68,600, the additions made during the year being Rs. 3,91,400. The gross earnings realised for the year